

# SENATE RESOLUTION No. 124

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**SYNOPSIS**

Supports Abraham Accords and recognizes importance of peace and coexistence in Middle East.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1   **A SENATE RESOLUTION** supporting the Abraham Accords and  
2   recognizing the importance of peace and coexistence in the  
3   Middle East.  
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5   **WHEREAS**, On September 15, 2020, the State of Israel and the United  
6   Arab Emirates (UAE), and Israel and the Kingdom of Bahrain  
7   signed historic peace agreements, the Abraham Accords, both of  
8   which were signed in Washington, D.C. and mediated by the United  
9   States; and  
10   **WHEREAS**, Subsequent agreements between Israel and the Kingdom of  
11   Morocco, and Israel and the Republic of the Sudan, also mediated  
12   by the United States, were signed in the following months and  
13   included in the accords; and  
14   **WHEREAS**, The peace agreements mirrored the historic agreements  
15   signed between Israel and the Arab Republic of Egypt in 1979, and  
16   Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in 1994, both of which  
17   were also mediated by the United States; and  
18   **WHEREAS**, The peace agreements between Israel and Egypt and  
19   Jordan have been widely successful, leading to the development of  
20   important strategic partnerships and collaboration agreements; and  
21   **WHEREAS**, To promote peace and unity, the accords are named after  
22   the patriarch Abraham, regarded as a prophet by the religions of  
23   Judaism, Islam, and Christianity, and traditionally considered a  
24   shared patriarch of the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian peoples; and  
25   **WHEREAS**, The agreement between Israel and Bahrain normalized  
26   diplomatic relations between the two countries, including an  
27   exchange in ambassadors and cooperation in technology, health,  
28   agriculture, and other areas; and  
29   **WHEREAS**, Following the success of these agreements, Israel secured  
30   agreements with Sudan and Morocco to normalize relations and  
31   begin economic and trade cooperation; and  
32   **WHEREAS**, The Abraham Accords are a monumental achievement,  
33   recognizing the importance of maintaining and strengthening peace  
34   in the Middle East and around the world based on mutual  
35   understanding and coexistence, as well as respect for human dignity  
36   and freedom, including religious freedom; and  
37   **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey and its citizens commend the  
38   Abraham Accords given the significant Jewish, Muslim, and  
39   Christian populations in the State and the numerous economic ties  
40   that the State has with the nations signed on to the accords; and  
41   **WHEREAS**, Stability and peace among nations and peoples in the  
42   Middle East are the result of multilateral relationships and it is  
43   necessary to reach out to other nations in the region to work  
44   together to establish stronger ties; and  
45   **WHEREAS**, Therefore, it is appropriate and necessary to show support  
46   for the historic Abraham Accords, commend the UAE for  
47   pioneering this newest accord, and recognize the importance of  
48   peace, mutual understanding, and coexistence in the Middle East;  
49   now, therefore,

1       **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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3       1. This House supports the Abraham Accords, signed by the  
4 State of Israel and the United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain,  
5 Kingdom of Morocco, and the Republic of the Sudan, and mediated  
6 by the United States, recognizes the importance of peace, mutual  
7 understanding, and coexistence in the Middle East, and respectfully  
8 urges current and future United States federal administrations to  
9 support a continued peace dialogue.

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11       2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
12 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President  
13 of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, and each  
14 member of Congress elected from this State.

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# STATEMENT

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19       This resolution supports the Abraham Accords and recognizes  
20 the importance of peace and coexistence between Jewish, Muslim,  
21 and Christian peoples in the Middle East.

22       The Abraham Accords include agreements with the State of  
23 Israel and several Arab League nations, mediated by the United  
24 States. The Abraham Accords are named after the patriarch  
25 Abraham, regarded as a prophet by both the religions of Judaism,  
26 Islam, and Christianity, and traditionally considered a shared  
27 patriarch of the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian peoples. Prior to the  
28 accords, only two Arab League nations, the Arab Republic of Egypt  
29 in 1979 and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in 1994, had  
30 formally normalized relations with Israel.

31       Since September 2020, four new nations, the United Arab  
32 Emirates, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Kingdom of Morocco, and  
33 the Republic of the Sudan, have all signed respective peace  
34 agreements with Israel. The agreements formally normalize foreign  
35 relations, permit an exchange in ambassadors, and permit  
36 cooperation in technology, health, agriculture, and other areas. The  
37 accords are a monumental achievement, recognizing the importance  
38 of maintaining and strengthening peace in the Middle East and  
39 around the world based on mutual understanding and coexistence,  
40 as well as respect for human dignity and freedom, including  
41 religious freedom.